

Comments on N2021-1

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To the Postal Regulatory Commission

I urge you to reject the proposed 10-year plan for the post office, and instead identify a plan that will once again fund reliable postal service. Cutting service to save cost will only reduce demand for postal service and exacerbate the gap between revenue and expenses.

This should begin with repealing provisions from the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, which required the Postal Service to pre-fund health benefits for future retirees; a requirement no other agency faces and which costs around \$5.5 billion per year. Next, the plan should identify the level of service required to ensure high demand for the postal service, including things like expanding delivery times, expanding mailbox locations, updating and expanding automatic mail sorters and ensuring speedy delivery times. Finally, the plan should determine the split between postage and taxpayer support needed to sustainably fund the Postal Service.

The proposed 10-year plan does the opposite of this, cutting service to the point of ensuring the failure of the Postal Service. This may be good for private carriers, but it isn't good for American Citizens and taxpayers.

I have no connection to the Postal Service except as a user.

Sincerely,

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